

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the title and claim 1 are amended, and claims 2-5 are added. Claim 1 is amended only for form, and thus the amendments are not narrowing. No new matter is added.

I. Acknowledgement of November 28, 2005 Information Disclosure Statement

An Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 was filed in the above-captioned patent application on November 28, 2005. A copy of the stamped postcard receipt is attached. Applicant has not yet received back from the Examiner a copy of the Form PTO-1449 initialed to acknowledge the fact that the Examiner has considered the cited disclosed information.

The Examiner is requested to initial and return to the undersigned a copy of the subject Form PTO-1449. For the convenience of the Examiner, a copy of that form is attached.

II. Claim 1 Satisfies the Requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph

The Office Action rejects claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action asserts that the specification is not enabling as to how one of ordinary skill in the art would read an ID from the ID setting circuit. This assertion is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 satisfies the enablement requirement of 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. The specification provides enabling disclosure for this feature, for example, at page 8, lines 14 -15 and page 21, lines 11-13. More specifically, the specification describes the ID reading process under the section "ID monitoring process" on pages 20-24. As discussed in the specification, signals TEST 11 to 14 are consecutively brought HIGH and supplied to the circuit shown in Fig. 4 by the test command from MPU 300 (Fig. 8). In each setting in which each of the signals TEST 11 to 14 is held HIGH, ID1 to ID4 as shown in Table 1, each consisting of 8 bits, are read out one by one. IDs of 32 bits are monitored by the MPU 300

(pages 20-24). Therefore, the specification provides sufficient disclosure to enable one of skilled in the art to make and use the display unit recited in claim 1 without undue experimentation.

Thus, claim 1 satisfies the enablement requirement of 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Withdrawal of the rejection is thus respectfully requested.

III. Claim 1 Defines Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over JP 2000-148080 to Furuhashi et al. (Furuhashi). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 is not anticipated by Furuhashi. Furuhashi does not disclose "the display driver IC sending ID information from the ID setting circuit to the MPU in accordance with a signal generated by the command decoder decoding the ID monitor command," as recited in claim 1.

Furuhashi discloses only that an instruction including an ID is transmitted from the MPU 1501, shown in Fig. 15, to the display driver IC 101, shown in Figs. 1 and 9, through the control bus 132, shown in Figs. 1 and 9. In Furuhashi, an ID is added to instructions from the control bus 132. The control bus 132 shown in Figs. 1 and 9 corresponds to the control bus 1514 shown in Fig. 15 of Furuhashi. Furuhashi thus discloses that an ID is transmitted from the MPU 1501 to the display driver IC 101. Therefore, Furuhashi does not disclose the display driver IC that sends ID information from the ID setting circuit to the MPU, as recited in claim 1.

Further, Furuhashi does not disclose the command decoder recited in claim 1. Furuhashi only discloses a microcomputer 128 that compares an ID setting value set in the ID setting section 129 with an ID accompanied by an instruction and executes the instruction when the comparison shows coincidence between the ID setting value and the ID (paragraphs

[0043] and [0083]). Thus, the microcomputer 128 does not meet the requirements of the command decoder recited in claim 1.

Thus, for at least these reasons, claim 1 is patentable over Furuhashi. Withdrawal of the rejection is thus respectfully requested.

IV. New Claims 2-5

New claims 2-5 are also not anticipated by Furuhashi. Claims 2-5 depend from claim 1. Thus, claims 2-5 are also patentable over Furuhashi, for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1, as well as for the additional features recited they recite. Withdrawal of the rejection is thus respectfully requested.

V. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

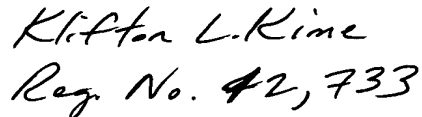
Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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